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FBN Presents Two Sides Disenfranchisement in Foggy Bottom

By Bernard Mozer

Recent actions by two of the ANC-2A Commissioners have turned a very fair and carefully prepared election for a vacant office in Single Member District ANC-2A02 into a disenfranchisement, not only of the registered voters in 2A02 but of all voters in the area of the ANC for Foggy Bottom and the West End.

When 2A02 Commissioner Michael Geroe resigned his office because he was moving out of the city, two candidates came forth to seek election to his office, Mrs. Nadia Taran and Mr. Richard J. Price. These two candidates worked very hard to collect signatures for their petitions and were duly certified by the Board of Elections and Ethics. ANC-2A was then notified by the Elections Board that ANC-2A should proceed with an announcement that an election for the registered voters in SMD-02 should take place at a future regularly-scheduled monthly meeting of the Commission. As the Chair of ANC-2A I had the responsibility to oversee this election and make any decisions necessary for a proper, fair and correctly-run election.

Desiring to see that ANC-2A02 have representation as soon as possible, I called a special meeting for the purpose of announcing that the election would be held at the regularly scheduled meeting on February 18. All commissioners and the candidates were notified in sufficient time and seated commissioners were provided with posters announcing the special meeting. Posters and the agenda for the February 18th

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Sara Maddux responds:

Mr. Bernard Mozer, Chair of ANC-2A, has expressed his concern about the election for the vacant seat in ANC-2A02. Although Mr. Mozer had made careful preparations for the election, the process did not turn out as planned. There were serious concerns raised about the election before February 18, 1998, which are detailed in the letter, excerpted below, to the Board of Elections and Ethics. I can assure all that the greatest interest is in an unbiased, properly conducted democratic election rather than any "special interests and outside influences." Mr. Mozer has my respect and admiration for his service as Chair.

"To: Executive Director, Board of Elections and Ethics
February 17, 1998

"This letter is to request your assistance in the matter of the election to be conducted for the vacancy in ANC-2A02. On Saturday, February 14, I received a mailing envelope from the office of ANC-2A. . . . I draw your attention to two

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FB Group Plans Community Day

On Sunday, April 19, from 1:00-6:00 p.m., a group of institutions and businesses in Foggy Bottom are sponsoring a celebration for residents of the neighborhood. Included are the local churches, the American Red Cross, the International Monetary Fund, the Kennedy Center, and the George Washington University. Each institution will have some type of open house, with some type of entertainment or educational activity, and some will serve food.

Included will be free blood pressure testing by the GW Hospital; a poetry reading by homeless persons at Western Presbyterian Church; a

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UPDATE

Carriage House Appeals 22nd & M PUD

The Unit Owners' Association of the Carriage House has filed a request with the Planning Commission for a rehearing or reconsideration of its order granting a Planned Unit Development to Millenium Partners. The Carriage House is located at New Hampshire and L Streets, N.W. and is the only property in that square not owned or to be owned by the developer. Millenium Partners obtained approval for a PUD earlier, but will now file for a modification, since it has acquired most of the remaining lots in the square. In addition to the original

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GW Hospital Fighting To Turn Itself Around

The George Washington University Hospital, owner of a proud history, has under new management launched a furious campaign to reverse a recent slide into second-tier status.

In 1824, the university (then known as Columbian College) chartered its Medical Department as the eleventh medical school in the country. When the current hospital was built in 1948, it was the largest private building and the most modern hospital in Washington. It became known as a center of innovation in research and treatment. The first amniocentesis was performed at GW, and the first outpatient surgery center was opened at GW in 1966. The Secret Service has cited the GW Emergency Department as the most crucial element in its contingency planning for emergency care for the President and Vice President.

But in recent years, GW Hospital has by many measures slipped badly. Its physical plant is now 50 years old, and much less efficient and pleasant to work in than competing hospitals. Many physicians lost confidence in the management of the hospital and the quality and training of the professional staff, and admit their patients to other hospitals even if GW is physically closer. Many critical trend lines, including admissions and patient satisfaction surveys, have been sharply down.

The hospital is authorized to operate 501 beds. It actually operates wards with 265 beds, but on an average day now fills less than 200. Quarterly average admissions in fiscal year 1995 were 4406; in the first two quarters of fiscal 1998 the average was 2781, a decrease of 36.9%.

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FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION MEETING

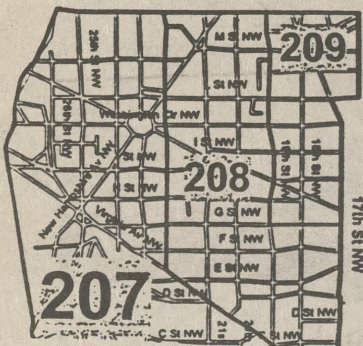
Speakers:

John F. Williams, M.D., Ed.D.
and

Phillip S. Schaengold, J.D.
The George Washington
University Hospital

Monday, March 30, 1998
Wyndham Bristol Hotel
2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
7:30 p.m.

(Next Meeting, Monday, April 27, 1998)



News from 2D (Second District, Metropolitan Police)

A new official has been assigned to our area. Lt. **Robert Atcheson** is now in charge of PSA 207, replacing Lt. Joseph Trippi, now Detective, Vice, and Crime Scene Search Supervisor for the Second District. Lt. Atcheson comes from PSA 203, which includes Palisades, Spring Valley, Wesley Heights and Foxhall, where a 60% reduction in crime had been accomplished in the past months. A native of Iowa, Atcheson lives on Capitol Hill and has a six-year old daughter. He served in the Marine Corps, has been with MPD since 1989, and served earlier in the Sixth Police District. Shortly after his assignment to 207 Atcheson expressed concern over the high incidence of thefts from auto, and later praised his team for their efforts in bringing the number of offenses down during the early part of March.

Officer **Richard Jacob** is new to PSA 207's roster, and has been assigned to the mid-night shift. Also new but temporary is Lt. **Thomas Hayes**, who has been assigned to oversee PSAs 208 and 209. Hayes is temporarily replacing Lt. Philip Lanciano who was granted family leave after the arrival of a new daughter in his household. Also, a correction from last time: **Ray Echols** has the title of Master Patrol Officer, not Sergeant, as listed in last month's paper. The MPO status is similar to a corporal, and there is some movement to change it officially to simplify the titles.

MPD Will Respond to Noise Complaints

Residents who are disturbed by excessive noise (parties, loud music, etc.) may request help from the Metropolitan Police by calling 727-1010, the police communications number. According to the 2nd District, an officer will be dispatched and will talk with the person in charge where the disturbance is happening. Officers will give one warning and ask that the disturbance stop (e.g. music be turned down, etc.) If they are called a second time, a citation (ticket) can be issued for a misdemeanor offense, with a fine of up to \$50. The officer is also charged with following up to see that any such fine is paid.

Thefts from Auto Up in February

PSA 207 experienced a steep rise in thefts from auto, which remains the most persistent offense in this area. (Figures in March, however, happily show a decline.) During February in PSA 207 there were 4 assaults, 9 burglaries, 9 thefts, 44 thefts from auto, and 3 stolen autos. The total of 69 offenses is 19 higher than January, reflecting the increase of 18 in thefts from auto.

PSA 208, east of 22nd Street, reported 4 robberies, 3 assaults, 2 burglaries, 21 thefts, 29 thefts from auto, and 2 stolen autos. The total of 61 offenses is down from 90 the previous month.

A joint police-citizen campaign against thefts from auto is planned for PSA 207, and the officers in PSA 208 are working to distribute crime-prevention information in the office buildings in their area.

Barnes Acknowledges Trippi Commendation

This is in reply to your correspondence in which you commended Lieutenant Joseph Trippi for his efforts to improve police service to the citizens of the Foggy Bottom neighborhood.

It is always a pleasure to receive favorable comments from citizens who take the time to recognize the efforts of our officers and officials. Additionally, a copy of your letter has been placed in Lieutenant Trippi's personnel folder.

*Jacqueline A. Barnes
Commander, Second District,
MPD*

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residential building, with retail stores and a sports club, Millenium now plans a hotel as well. Carriage House alleged that there are flaws in the original Zoning Commission order and a rehearing should be allowed.

ANC Election Declared Null and Void

The February 18 election held by the ANC to elect a successor to Michael Geroe has been held to be invalid, based on questions as to the procedures used. Richard Price and Nadia Taran were the two candidates, and if the election had been valid, Price

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would have been the winner for the Commissioner for Single Member District ANC-2A02. (This district is in the area north of Pennsylvania Avenue.) The March 18 ANC meeting did not have a quorum and a new election could not be scheduled.

CPT Prevails; City Moves Bus Shelter

At long last a bus shelter formerly located in front of Columbia Plaza, has been relocated to the other side of 23rd Street, following months of effort by the Columbia Plaza Tenants Association with the help of Ward 2 Councilmember Jack

Evans. The Department of Public Works' Office of Mass Transit continued to assert that the shelter served "a useful and legitimate purpose," even though bus riders seldom, if ever, waited there. The residents felt it presented a safety hazard due to its obscured walls and objected to its placement without prior notification to nearby residents. The DPW office advised Jack Evans that "taking into consideration the concerns and opposition to this particular shelter. . . , OMT has identified an alternative site for the location of this particular shelter."

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Dr. Smith Installed at United

By Laetitia Combrinck

Dr. H. Donald Smith was installed as the new senior pastor of The United Church, 1920 G Street, N.W. during a special service in February. This ceremony followed a session of the Ecclesiastical Council of the Potomac Association. This council consists of delegates from about 30 congregations of the United Church of Christ in this region (part of this denomination's Central Atlantic Conference). The Council reviewed the recommendation made by the Church and Ministry Committee, heard a presentation by Dr. Smith, questioned the candidate, and heard the reading of the terms of the call issued by The United Church. The new senior pastor was then affirmed "as pastor and as a minister with

standing in the Potomac Association" The Rev. Dr. Kwame Osei Reed, an associate conference minister for the Central Atlantic Conference, and Rev. Bob Gessert (ret.) officiated. A reception followed.

As a merged congregation of the Concordia United Church of Christ and the Union United Methodist Church, ministers from the respective denominations are appointed alternately.

As Senior Pastor, Dr. Smith oversees its heritage of two American Protestant traditions, as well as the home of Washington's historic German congregation.

The church is also the site of neighborhood and other activities such as occasional Sunday afternoon concerts and recitals. Among the groups meeting there are the Monday Recorder Group, the World Bank-IMF Chorus, several 12-step programs, a tutoring group for children from the local elementary school, and a French-language social group. In addition, the Owl Preschool and the Pastoral Counseling Center are located in the church building. On the second and fourth Saturdays of

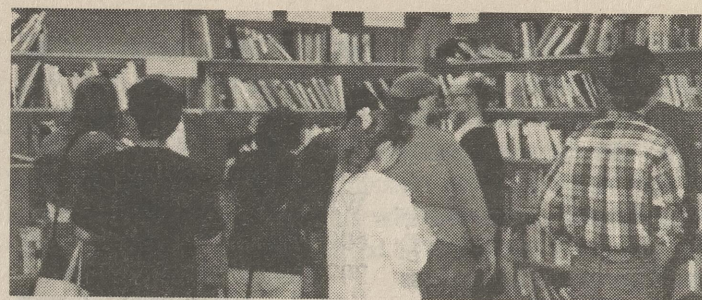
the month, the Foggy Bottom Food Pantry, a church-sponsored outreach program, distributes bags of groceries to about 140 needy families.

Dr. Don Smith assumed the position of minister here September 1, 1997, having transferred from a Connecticut parish. Rev. Alfred Radeloff, from the former East Germany, conducts services in German on the first and third Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Services in English are at 11:00 a.m. every Sunday. Come and join us in worship!

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discussion of Judaica objects at the Hillel Foundation; and crime prevention information by the GWU police. The Kennedy Center will provide transportation between the activity sites to those who need or want it, and has issued a special invitation to its free Millennium Stage performance at 6:00 p.m.

The event is the first activity by the newly formed Foggy Bottom Institutional and Business Forum, designed to discuss shared concerns and "help make Foggy Bottom a great place to live and work," according to its Statement of Purposes. The



West End Friends to Hold "Spring Clearance"

On Saturday, April 4, the West End Library Friends will sponsor another used book sale at the Library. This sale, the final one for this lot of books, is in response to book browsers who asked for a second chance. An earlier sale was held in mid-February.

Mark the date on your calendar! Thousands of books are still available at 20 cents for paperbacks and 50 cents for hardbacks. Proceeds benefit the Friends' projects for the library. The sale will be held on the second floor of the library at 24th & L Streets, N.W. from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Forum also asked the FBA and the West End Citizens Association to participate. At press time it was not known if the two neighborhood organizations would be present.

The Forum was formed to address safety and beautification issues, to help "with the needs of the elderly and the poor," and to "preserve Foggy Bottom as one of the most interesting, lively, pro-

sperous and safe communities in the District of Columbia and the nation." Another goal is to work to resolve "inevitable and periodic" neighborhood tensions resulting from "the diverse objectives of the various constituencies in the neighborhood." For more information contact Russ Colman at 994-4120 or Rev. John Wimberly at 835-8383.

Neighbors

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First Annual Foggy Bottom Day Sunday, April 19 1 - 6 pm

Foggy Bottom Institutional & Business Forum invites you to meet new neighbors and rediscover old ones. For more information, please call (202) 994-4120.

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Activities

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• KENNEDY CENTER
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• THE UNITED CHURCH
Historical Collection on Display
German Cultural Concert - 4 pm

• GW HOSPITAL
Blood Pressure &
Cholesterol Screening

• IMF: Entertainment, Food, Art
and Community Service Info

• WESTERN PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
Poetry reading by Homeless
Residents

• ST MARYS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Display of Renwick
Architectural Restoration

• AMERICAN RED CROSS
Volunteer Recognition Day
Mobile Canteen
First Aid Demonstration
Emergency Preparedness Video

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Internal surveys of patient satisfaction conducted by GW Hospital management reveal significant complaints about both physical conditions (noise and room equipment) and staff services (promptness and adequacy of response, ability to obtain information).

Checkbook Confirms Results

These internal measures are confirmed in the current edition of *Washington Checkbook*, which contains the results of a survey of patients and doctors as to their perceptions of inpatient care quality at local hospitals. The survey was taken before the July 1997 takeover of the hospital's management by Universal Health Services, Inc., but demonstrates the scope of the challenge faced by UHS as it attempts to make GW Hospital again the hospital of choice.

Patients were reported by *Checkbook* to rate GW overall

well below average for all D.C. hospitals, and even further below the three hospitals which are GW's principal competition: Georgetown, Washington Hospital Center, and Sibley Memorial Hospital. Adding together ratings of "good," "very good," and "excellent," GW was

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rated 8 to 16% lower than its three competitors in key areas of staff communication, coordination and punctuality of response. GW was rated 15 to 21% lower than its three competitors in the atmosphere and comfort of the room.

Perhaps more critical are the evaluations of doctors, since in many cases the doctors control the choice of hospital, either because of the relationship with the patient or the terms of the patient's insurance. *Checkbook* asked doctors which local hospitals they would choose for six kinds of cases. GW was mentioned substantially less frequently than its main competitors in most categories. GW was more competitive for high risk surgery or treatment of high-risk cases, but lagged well behind in preferences for more routine cases.

UHS undertook management of GW Hospital last summer with its eyes open. The trends were already evident, and Phillip Schaengold and John Hummer, the new CEO and COO, knew they had to move aggressively on many problems at once.

The Decision: All New

The most dramatic and public decision was to build

a new, state-of-the-art hospital to replace the current physical plant. It will have an initial capacity of 300 beds, with another 100 beds possible when the sixth and top floor is built out. The commitment of at least \$96 million to a new hospital is a clear signal of the ambition of the new hospital management to regain the top rung in local hospitals.

The new hospital will not be open until 2001, however. In the meantime, the Emergency Department will be substantially upgraded, and other renovations will be carried out to facilitate efficiency. Perhaps the more important changes will turn out to be the cumulation of management, personnel, and attitudinal changes that UHS clearly intends.

UHS has implemented a Service Excellence Program at the hospital, and has trained all managers and employees in the program. A comprehensive hospital-wide clean-up has been undertaken, repairing or replacing floor and ceiling coverings, paints, signs, lights and landscaping.

New People and Programs Planned

A number of key personnel, including a new Chief Nursing Executive (Associate Administrator Veronica Zaman) have been brought aboard in the past few months, and they have begun aggressively to implement new programs both to cut costs

and to improve service and efficiency. Key medical staff changes are planned, and recruitment of staff physicians in areas where GW is now thin. Millions of dollars in savings are expected as UHS implements new supply contracts and takes over information services and other functions from the university. A new management arrangement with Medical Faculty Associates is planned, and with it an expansion of MFA's primary care clinic system.

A major cause of the drop in admissions in 1997 was the decision by Kaiser Permanente, on takeover of the Humana Plan, to omit GW Hospital from the plan. UHS plans a major effort to reverse that decision. New York Life's plan also limits GW Hospital's participation. It is not yet known what effect the just-announced sale of NYL's network to Aetna will have on that source of admissions.

Mr. Schaengold recognizes the critical need to meet the needs and change the perceptions of local doctors. A major ongoing effort is underway to meet with, listen to, and respond to the doctors who have voted with their admissions to other hospitals. Some of those doctors have been lured away by Georgetown and Washington Hospital Center physician practice acquisition programs, which UHS does not believe in and will not attempt to match. However, every effort is be-

FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL SURVEY #2

On February 25, GWU and Universal Health Services, Inc, the owners of GW Hospital, made public their decision to build a new hospital to replace the present facility. It will be a six-story, 96 million dollar, 400-bed hospital (initial construction will be of 300 rooms, compared with 501 authorized and 200 - 250 operated currently). It will have a greatly expanded ER, upgraded surgery department, and a full floor dedicated to women's health including home-like "LDRP" rooms for expectant mothers. It will be located where the staff parking lot is now, across 23d Street from the current hospital.

FROM WHAT YOU HAVE HEARD AND READ TO DATE, WHAT IS YOUR REACTION TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT? SPECIFICALLY, WHAT CONCERNS DO YOU HAVE THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ADDRESSED, OR ADDRESSED ADEQUATELY? _____

WHAT OTHER INFORMATION SHOULD FBA TRANSMIT TO THE HOSPITAL? _____

WHAT OTHER INFORMATION SHOULD FBA OBTAIN FROM THE HOSPITAL? _____

WHAT PREVENTATIVE MEDICINE PROGRAMS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE THE HOSPITAL OPERATE IN THE COMMUNITY? _____

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING AT THE HOSPITAL? IF SO, WHAT KINDS OF VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN? _____

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ing made to remedy every identified problem at GW which has driven doctors to other hospitals.

In addition, partnerships are being sought with other medical facilities in the metropolitan area. A sustained effort was made to buy or partner with Columbia Hospital for Women, but the

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board there insisted on preserving staff physician contracts which were seen as too burdensome. Columbia has since filed for Chapter Eleven bankruptcy protection. Other efforts may bear more fruit, and lead to pooled buying programs, referrals for specialized services, and other mutual benefits.

Hospital Wants Community Involved

Mr. Schaengold and his staff seek input from the community. Michael Thomas of the FBA Board serves on the new hospital board of trustees. Veronica Zaman has sought ideas for outreach programs, and will be asking for volunteers from the community for some of the patient services she oversees. Mr. Schaengold and Dr. John Williams, Vice President for Health Affairs of the University, will be featured at this month's FBA meeting, and plan to keep FBA informed as developments occur over the next critical months.

GW and UHS face a daunting challenge in their efforts to return GW Hospital to the first rank. Not everything they do will deserve or receive the unanimous support of the community. How-

ever, the general goal is of critical importance to the community, and it therefore behooves us to identify and help the hospital deal with any programs and perceived mistakes as soon as possible.

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meeting were also in the hands of all commissioners so that collectively we could see to the proper posting of the notice of these two meetings as required by D.C. law.

Very few of our constituents attended the special meeting. The most distressing and insulting aspect was Commissioners Maddux's and Swift's refusal to attend the meeting and to inform the chair that they would not be coming, and to have the assembled Commissioners and public be notified of their absence after the meeting was called to order.

The Commission did not have a quorum for most official actions. Current law requires that a majority (4) of the full (6) is necessary for most official actions to take place and not the majority (3) of the then seated commissioners (5). As a consequence of Maddux's and Swift's refusal to participate, the official notice of the election might be called into question.

I still felt that it was imperative to have full representation and decided to proceed with the election as planned. To ensure that the election itself would have as large a turnout as possible, I sent a letter encouraging all the voters in ANC-2A02 to participate and vote for the candidate of their choice. This letter was sent to the managers of all the apartment buildings and other interested persons, along with the Commission's notice of the election. These notices and the distribution were the very conscientious efforts of Commissioner Miller.

Directional signs were posted to assist voters to find the polling place; we also asked the League of Women Voters to aid us in providing a fair process and requested that they be the election judges and to tally the votes.

It must be emphasized again that the agenda and notices for the monthly meeting were not posted in the Single Member Districts of Maddux and Swift, as required by law. The agenda contained many items other than the election which were also of interest to our community. Less than two hours before the meeting, I received a fax from Maddux and Swift refusing to attend. Having no choice but to proceed as announced to the public, the remaining commissioners held the meeting, again without a quorum. If Commissioners Maddux and Swift were in opposition to any action other than the election, they could have used parliamentary procedure for that purpose rather than damn all the agenda including the election!

(Ed. note: Commissioners Maddux and Swift were absent from the March 18 meeting as well, preventing any official ANC action.)



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specific items: Meeting Agenda- 18 February 1998; and Resolution concerning the election of Nadia Taran as declared winner of ANC-2A02.

"I believe that there are now established irregularities in the special election. . . . First, the resolution about Nadia Taran when the election is a contested election. There are two candidates: Richard Price and Nadia Taran. This is totally out of bounds.

"Second, the meeting agenda of 18 February. The agenda begins with 'Voting to begin...' without a stated time of day or length of time for voting. Under number 10 of the agenda, it lists 'Swearing in newly elected Commissioner.' I understand that the election must be certified by the Board of Elections and Ethics before a commissioner may be sworn in. Under number 11, there is a resolution notifying Board of Election and Ethics and D.C. agencies. This is not in proper order.

"Therefore, I seriously question the procedure to be used for this election. On the face of it, it appears to be rife with irregularities. There is also a question of proper notice about the meetings and about the election under the standards and regulations which govern the Advisory Neighborhood Commissions.

"I would appreciate receiving formal guidance as to the proprieties of the issues I have raised.

- "1. What is official notice by the ANC-2A of the election to be held? Is there a time requirement of notice to the community such as 30 days notice as to whom the candidates are?
- "2. What is done with the voting information-who turns it into the Board of Elections and who holds the ballots in case of any challenges or reviews for fraud?
- "3. When does the Board of Elections and Ethics certify the elected candidate?
- "4. Who is the authority to administer an oath of office and when is that done?

"The most disturbing item is the resolution concerning Nadia Taran. I am sure that Mrs. Taran herself is a person of honesty and integrity but the resolution from the ANC-2A office casts doubt as to the honesty of the election."

(Ed. note: Identical draft resolutions were prepared naming Taran and Price as the winner, but the Price version was mistakenly omitted from several of the commissioners' packets.)

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| Sun. Apr. 19 | Hist. Homes & Gdns (Va. 10am-6:30pm) | | \$ 80* |
| Sat. Apr. 25 | Barnes Art Museum (Phila. 8am-7pm) | | \$ 60** |
| Sat. May 2 | Ephrata Cloister (Pa. Dutch 7am-7:30pm) | | \$ 83 |
| Sat. May 9 | Washington Link (Fredr'burg 8am-7pm) | | \$80* |
| Sat. May 16 | Frank Lloyd Wright Duo (Pa. 6:45am-9pm) | Tour both Fallingwter & Kentuck Knob | \$100*** |

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Rennie Remembers . . . Ellis Island Part III

By Rennie Melonson

East Side Tenement Museum

This tenement was bought in 1919 by Moses B. Helpen (formerly a customer peddler from Russia, whose descendants still own it); and that year, New York State passed legislation for more extensive changes to these apartments. It is the first tenement to be designated as a National Historic Landmark. About 10,000 people resided in this building over 72 years, and the tenants were eventually evicted in 1935.

The only apartment open to visitors is the unrestored front apartment that had been inhabited by a German-Jewish mother, Nathalie Gumpertz, who had to become a dressmaker and hat trimmer in 1874 to support herself and four youngsters after her husband "disappeared" (never to return). What a pathetic sight! (Our group felt much sympathy for her and all the tenants that were forced to live in such deplorable conditions in tiny rooms (a kitchen, a living room, a bedroom, no windows—and, certainly, no privacy). Unbelievable, but there were larger families who lived in such cramped quarters.

Monies have been raised to buy this building and to renovate it. Research has already begun, and cataloging is being done on what was left behind in each apartment, which will be reconstructed. A replica of a "sweatshop" is planned for the third floor, and a Visitors Center is contemplated, at an old market-

place on Essex Street, built during Mayor Fiorello La Guardia's administration. We crossed over to the corner of Orchard and Broome Streets to stop in the Museum Shop, offering books and newspapers and films on the history of the Lower East Side and the varied immigrant communities.

We then went over to the Eldridge Street Synagogue built in 1887. Our group was allowed to enter it although there was scaffolding for the reconstructive work needed to be done. It was the first house of worship for East European Jews and is now designated a National Historic Landmark. The founders were Russian and Polish Jews (immigrants), who had become very wealthy by the 1880s. Usually 1,000 people attended this busy synagogue. However, membership began to diminish in the 1920s, when the immigration law stemmed the tide of new immigrants arriving on the lower East Side and, also because long-time residents were moving up-town and to other boroughs. The sanctuary was eventually closed in the mid-1950s. Its once-elegant Moorish structure has a 70-foot ceiling, stained-glass windows, Victorian fixtures and hand-stenciled walls that are all noticeably in need of restorations.

Lunch time! Drove over to famous "Ratner's" lovely large restaurant (called a "dairy" one, i.e., no meat) located on Delancey Street. The waiters all had the sharp "typical New York" humor, which was delightful. Several types of hard rolls were presented first, which I didn't touch. I ordered barley soup and cheese blintzes with cole slaw salad, which were all

delicious. At our table, Steve and his wife Fran suggested we each take two onion rolls with us. The doggie bags were supplied by the witty waiters, who had expected us to take them, I think. I enjoyed eating mine at home the next day.

Then Chinese-American Art and History

After our lunch, we were driven over to the only museum dedicated to the preservation of Chinese-American history—the Museum of Chinese in the Americas—founded in 1980 and located on the 2nd floor of a hundred-year-old school building at 70 Mulberry Street. It provides education and community programs as well as research facilities in the fields of Chinese-American and Asian-American studies. The museum preserves the Chinese-American experience by exhibiting original documentation, as well as personal and domestic artifacts, artists' creations and historical interpretation. It has an extensive collection of Chinese-American history and culture including oral histories, photographs, documents, personal and organizational records, sound recordings, textiles, artifacts and a library with over 2,000 volumes covering Asian-American topics. The art objects displayed were beautiful! Cleverly created works of 250 brilliantly colored folded paper and papier-mache sculptures—dragons, Buddhas, Statues of Liberty, birds, eagles and seven-story pagodas—were created by Chinese immigrants incarcerated in the York County, Pa. jail! There are also poems and prose writings by the "Golden Venture Artists."



The Foggy Bottom Diner

TGI Friday's

By Jim Patterson

TGI Friday's menu offers something for every taste. Located at 21st and I Streets, the atmosphere is warm and lively.

Diners may select from ten tasty appetizers ranging in price from \$3.50 for onion rings to \$9.29 for a robust three-for-all consisting of buffalo wings, potato skins, and fried mozzarella. Instead of the traditional appetizers, diners may select nachos and pizzadillas, a Friday's creation described as a Mexican-pizza-Italian-quesadilla thing.

Salads are another speciality and the diner can choose from six entries including house salad, \$3.99, to grilled chicken at \$8.49. Diners may also opt for soup and combos which include sandwiches and salads for \$5.99 to onion soup for \$2.99.

TGI Friday's has not forgotten about vegetarians. There are several meatless dishes including the ever-popular gardenburger.

If wrappers are your thing, don't overlook the grilled chicken and steak wrappers, priced at \$7.59. Traditional sandwich choices include grilled chicken, priced around \$7. There are 10 different hamburgers on the menu and diners may also opt to create their own hamburgers from among 19 ingredients. The possibilities are endless! Don't overlook the five brewhouse specialties including the grilled swordfish, \$14.99, and brewhouse chicken, \$10.99.

You want pasta? **TGI Friday's** offers five popular dishes from Fettucini Alfredo, \$8.59, to linguini with shrimp, \$10.99. If you have a taste for southwestern cuisine there are four dishes to suit your palate. Fajitas are \$10.69 and enchiladas are \$7.99. If your craving is for chicken there are four dishes guaranteed to please, including chicken and mushrooms, \$10.99, and chicken fingers, \$8.29. Steak and ribs range in price from \$10.50 to \$15.99. Seafood specialties include shrimp, \$12.99, and Cajun Angels, \$11.99.

The dessert menu consists of seven popular choices including praline cheesecake, \$3.99, and carrot cake, \$3.79. There is also a menu for kids with all selections priced at \$3.

I cannot leave without highlighting **TGI Friday's** full service bar menu. What selections! Margaritas. Irish Coffee. Pina colodas. Domestic and imported beers. Champagne. White (Chardonnay and White Zinfandel) and red (Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon) wines. The bar menu is almost as diverse as the food menu—and equally pleasing. Eat! Drink! and Make Merry at **TGI Friday's!!!**

We departed by bus for Washington after 4 p.m. but the bus developed a problem with ventilation/electricity. Another bus was alerted by our bus driver via phone to rescue us in New Jersey. Luckily we parked outside of a Wendy's, where most of us chatted and drank coffee until the new bus arrived to "rescue" us. It didn't bother any of us because we really were not that much inconven-

iened, since we could sit inside Wendy's brightly lit restaurant and relax. Also, I must admit that despite the miserable weather for both days, it was a very pleasant tour of the Ellis Island Museum, eating at Ratner's Restaurant and seeing the breathtaking art objects at the Chinese Museum. We reached Washington about 11 p.m. but nobody complained!

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FB's local junior high school, John R. Francis, is located on N Street between 24th and 25th Street. Technically it is in Dupont Circle's area (N Street is FB/West End's northern border and Francis is on the north side of the street), but FB can take pride in the work done there.

The school also offers many opportunities to FB residents to help in its mission, and to enrich the educational experiences of the young people who attend it. When asked about their needs, Dr. Courtney Fletcher, Francis' principal, named tutors, lecturers, test proctors, chaperones for field trips, and help with clubs which meet Monday mornings. One unusual need is for chess players; Fletcher said there are 30-40 in the chess club, and its members delight in matching skills with new, older players. Chess players: you are needed!

Tutors are needed for one-on-one or group help, in many subjects, especially math. Francis also has a "Speakers Bureau" which encourages persons to speak to a class on subjects they know about (travel, crafts, music, dance, etc., etc.) There is also a great need for adults to act as class proctors during SAT-like exams scheduled next for April 27-29. This involves being in a classroom for two hours, assisting teachers to answer student's questions about exam procedures.

And, lastly, we encourage those experts in Foggy Bottom in one of the school's extra-curricular activities to come forth and show your stuff—in double dutch jump rope!

Easter Greetings



Foggy Bottom Churches Plan Easter Services

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 728 23rd Street, N.W. 333-3985

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2430 K Street, N.W. 337-2020

St. Stephen Marytr (Catholic) Church, 2436 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. 785-0982

The United Church (United Methodist and United Church of Christ Congregation), 1920 G Street, N.W. 331-1495 (English and German services)

Western Presbyterian Church, 2401 Virginia Avenue, N.W. 835-8383

Palm Sunday, April 5

St. Mary's
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:00 a.m. Blessing of the Palms at St. Mary's Court
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II. The Reading of the Passion of Our Lord

St. Paul's
7:45 a.m. Blessing of Palms and Low Mass
8:45 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms, Procession and Solemn Mass
11:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms and Solemn High Mass
6:00 p.m. Solemn Evensong, Stations of the Cross and Benediction

St. Stephen's
9:00 a.m. Palms distributed at all Masses—Saturday, 5:30 p.m.; Sunday, 11:30 a.m., 1:00 and 5:30 p.m.

United
11:00 a.m. English Communion Sunday

Holy (Maundy) Thursday, April 9

St. Mary's
7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist with Footwashing

St. Paul's
6:30 p.m. Solemn Mass of the Institution

St. Stephen's
7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Repository until midnight

United
7:00 p.m. Community Service at Western Presbyterian Church

Western
7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion

Good Friday, April 10

St. Mary's
12:00 noon- Good Friday Liturgy with Meditations
3:00 p.m. and Stations of the Cross. (Worshippers may enter and depart at any time.)

St. Paul's
9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer and Liturgy of the Word
12:00 noon Stations of the Cross, Organ
Improvisations and Spoken Meditations
6:30 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of the Day

St. Stephen's
12:10 p.m. Stations of the Cross
2:00 p.m. The Seven Last Words
3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion

United
12:00 noon German Service
1:00 p.m. English Service
German choral group, "Liederkrantz Dangersheim," will sing at both services.

Western
12:00 noon Good Friday Ecumenical Service

Holy Saturday, April 11

St. Paul's
9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer and Liturgy of the Word
9:00 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter with the First Solemn Mass of Easter

St. Stephen's
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass, followed by reception in the parish hall

Easter Sunday, April 12

St. Mary's
8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast with Program
10:00 a.m. Festive Easter Eucharist

St. Paul's
7:45 a.m. Low Mass
9:00 a.m. Procession and Solemn Mass
11:15 a.m. Procession and Solemn High Mass
6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer and Benediction

St. Stephen's
9:00 a.m. Easter Mass; also 11:30 a.m., 1:00 and 5:30 p.m.

United
9:30 a.m. German Worship Service
11:00 a.m. English Worship Service

Western
8:30 a.m. Easter Service-brief worship at the Potomac River
11:00 a.m. Easter Worship Service



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Neighborhood Datebook

Monday, March 30: Foggy Bottom Association meeting, featuring presentation on plans for the construction of a new George Washington University hospital. Speakers are John F. Williams, M.D., Ed.D., GW's Vice President for Health Affairs and Executive Dean of the Medical Center, and Phillip S. Schaengold, J.D., Chief Executive Officer of the hospital. Wyndham Bristol Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 31: GW's Community Wellness Lecture Series, featuring "Alternative Medicine and You." For information call 994-7607. GW Hospital Auditorium, 901 23rd Street, N.W. 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 1: Police Service Area 208 Community Meeting. PSA 208's area is 22nd Street on the west, Virginia Avenue on the south, 17th Street to G Street to 19th Street, and N Street on the north. State Plaza Hotel, 2114 F Street, N.W. 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 1: Citizen Advisory Council for the Second District Metropolitan Police monthly meeting. Second District headquarters, 3320 Idaho Avenue, N.W. (near Wisconsin Avenue and Newark Street). 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 1: Last Lecture Series, featuring Dr. Peter Caws, University Professor of Philosophy at GWU. Western Presbyterian Church, 24th & G Street, N.W. 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 2: Quilt Study Program, featuring 20 quilts from the DAR collections, including rare 18th century wholecloth chintz quilt, several classical chintz quilts, a selection of early Maryland and Virginia quilts and more. Reservations required, 879-3241. \$15. DAR Museum, 1776 D Street, N.W. 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, April 4: West End Library Used Book Sale, featuring paperbacks at 20 cents and hardbacks for 50 cents. Sale will benefit West End Library Friends. West End Library, second floor, 24th & L Streets, N.W. 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 7: Exhibition Opening, "Night Skies: The Art of Deep Space," a showing of photographs of star clusters, supernovas, nebulae and galaxies, by David Malin. Malin is a Photographic Scientist at the Anglo-Australian Observatory in New South Wales, Australia. Through August 31. National Academy of Sciences, 2100 C Street, N.W. Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

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Tuesday, April 7: GW Community Wellness Lecture Series, featuring "Emergency Medicine at Home." Call 994-7607 for information. GW Hospital Auditorium, 901 23rd Street, N.W. 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 12: Concert, U.S. Marine Chamber Orchestra, featuring German Dances and Symphony #4 in C minor by Franz Schubert, and Piano Concerto #26 in D by W.A. Mozart. National Academy of Sciences, 2100 C Street, N.W. 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 14: GW Community Wellness Lecture Series, featuring "Dermatology: Q&A on Laser Surgery." Call 994-7607 for information. GW Hospital Auditorium, 901 23rd Street, N.W. 7:00 p.m.

Thursday-Sunday, April 16-19: "Paris When It Sizzled," a musical revue exploring Paris after World War I. Presented by GW Theatre and Dance Department. Call 994-6178 for information and tickets. \$8; \$5 students/seniors. Marvin Theatre, 800 21st Street, N.W. Thursday-Saturday, 8:00 p.m.; Sunday, 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 18: Hands on DC, the city-wide effort to improve the condition of D.C. public schools, will be held throughout D.C. Volunteers and organizers are needed for Work-a-Thon (cleaning, planting and painting at the schools), as well as sponsorship, donations or lending of supplies. Contact 667-5808.

Saturday, April 18-Saturday, April 25: Art/Photography Competition, showing the works of GWU artists in the environmental art competition. Dimock Gallery, 21st & H Streets, N.W. (off lower lobby).

Sunday, April 19: Foggy Bottom Day, sponsored by the Foggy Bottom Institutional and Business Forum. Activities at various locations, with free bus transportation available. See information elsewhere in this issue. 1:00-6:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 19: Concert by Munchner Flotenduo, featuring Trio Sonatas by J.S. Bach and Sons and new works by Wilfried Hillers and Gloria Coates. The United Church, 1920 G Street, N.W. 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 21: GW Community Wellness Lecture Series, featuring "Infertility." GW Hospital Auditorium, 901 23rd Street, N.W. 7:00 p.m.

Friday-Saturday, April 24-25: Spring Dance Concert, featuring GW Dance Company and showcasing Artist-in-Residence Claire Porter, a comic monologue dance artist. Marvin Center Theatre, 800 21st Street, N.W. \$8; students \$5; call 994-6178. 8:00 p.m.

Through Friday, May 1: Exhibition, "Visionary Objects, Panoramas, and Maps," featuring a series of graphite drawings by Stephen Talasnik. Included are landscape drawings and architectural forms. American Institute of Architects Gallery, 1735 New York Avenue, N.W. Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Western Presents the Last "Last Lecture" Till Fall

On Wednesday, April 1, Dr. Peter Caws, University Professor of Philosophy at GWU, will be the speaker in the final lecture until the fall. This series gives its speakers the opportunity to address the question, "What would you say if you knew this were your last lecture?" It is scheduled

for 7:00 p.m. at Western Presbyterian Church, 24th & G Streets, N.W. The series was instituted by Rev. Lauren Smith, Western's Associate Pastor and Campus Minister at GWU, and speakers are free to speak on any topic they wish. The series will begin again in October, 1998.

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GW To Build New Hospital

In late February, GWU and Universal Health Services announced their intention to construct an entirely new hospital, located on the site of a parking lot north of the Foggy Bottom Metro station. Construction is to begin late this year, "pending local government authorization," and will cost \$96 million, and be completed in 2001.

Future plans for the current hospital building will be decided by the university, which owns the partnership's real estate.

The new facility will be smaller (400 beds vs. current 501), all patient rooms will be private rooms with private baths, and will employ state-of-the-art technology, including computerized patient records. (At the press conference, Watergate resident and frequent corporation questioner Evelyn Davis asked if patients could opt to stay out of the computer, allegedly for privacy purposes.)

The chief medical officer and chief executive officer for the facility will be the speakers at the next Foggy Bottom Association meeting to describe their plans and answer questions.

The meeting will be held on Monday, March 30, at the Wyndham Bristol Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., at 7:30 p.m.

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